

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ACTION SUMMARY**

**Wednesday, April 2, 2003 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Administration Building  
2101 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Goold. Board Members present: Duveneck, Engellenner, Goold, Granados, Jones, Stewart, Trujillo, Valley, Vanderveen; Fire Chief Martinez, General Counsel Price, Board Clerk Tilson.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **AWARDS—(Perkins)**

**Commendation—Deputy Tom Koontz**

**Commendation—Deputy Matt Petersen**

**Commendation—Douglas Fuller**

Battalion Chief Tom Perkins presented an incident overview and video showing television coverage of a fire occurring December 22, 2002, at 6404 Walerga Road. Fire Chief Martinez and Undersheriff John McGinnis presented Life Saving Commendation plaques to Sacramento County Deputy Sheriffs Tom Koontz and Matt Petersen, and citizen Douglas Fuller (not present), in recognition of their heroic actions at the fire incident involving the rescue of an elderly man who collapsed from smoke inhalation and a woman trapped inside the residence.

A host of family and friends were present.

### **PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN DISTRICT JURISDICTION INCLUDING ITEMS ON OR NOT ON AGENDA**

None.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### **1. Board Meeting Action Summary—March 19, 2003**

- **Board Action:**  
*Stewart/Jones—Approve Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote in favor.*

**ACTION ITEM(S)****1. Resolution No. 28-03—2003/2004 Pooled Tax and Revenue Anticipate Note (TRAN)—Appel**

- TRANs are short-term tax-exempt bonds issued by public agencies.
- The District has participated in a Pooled TRAN program through Sutro and Company (now RBC Dain Rauscher, Inc.) since fiscal year 1994/95.
- For each 1% difference in the TRAN yield (interest paid to bond holders) and the interest earned in a Guaranteed Investment Contract (GIC), the District can earn \$150,000.
- Staff recommends the Board adopt the resolution to participate in the 2003/2004 Pooled TRAN before the required date of April 15, 2003.
- **Board Action:**  
*Granados/Duveneck—Adopt the Resolution. Unanimous in favor.*

**2. Special District Commissioner for Office No. 6, Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission Nomination (LAFCo) – (Goold)**

- Special District Representative (Office No. 6) term of office will expire on the first Monday in May 2003.
- Candidate nomination must be submitted to LAFCo by April 7, 2003, for the forthcoming election.
- **Board Action:**  
*Vanderveen/Duveneck—Nominate Director Gay Jones. Unanimous in favor.*

**3. Hazardous Materials Incident Response Team Program Staffing—(Martinez)**

[Taken out of order after Presentation #1]

- The Board approved the Program at its March 5, 2003 meeting, but deleted the Program Staffing and referred it back to the Policy Committee.
- The Policy Committee today, on a split vote in favor of the increase in staffing, moved the staff recommendation back to the full Board.

- The Haz Mat Program proposes to add internal capacity to deal with hazardous materials incidences rather than relying upon Sacramento City Fire.
- The Program provides for the addition of a new sixth truck company with both truck and hazardous materials response capabilities.
- Director Granados submitted a memo with a number of questions dealing mostly with training and education.
- Recommended the Board approve the staff proposal to modify the Position Authorization Document by adding 4 Captains, 3 Engineers, and 6 Firefighters.

### **Discussion**

- The Policy Committee approved the staffing to allow the program to move forward. Many questions posed will be resolved or brought forward simultaneously with the program.
- Concern expressed that personnel should possess deeper qualifications than the basic minimums and for a need of more resources.
- Captain Pat Monahan, representing Local 522, expressed support of the program and requested the Board approve the additional staffing to allow for promotional opportunities as agreed upon in negotiations.
- **Board Action:**  
*Duveneck/Stewart—approve the staff recommendation for additional staffing. Unanimous in favor.*

Director Engellenner departed at 7:05 p.m.

### **PRESENTATION ITEM(S)**

#### **1. Resolution—Deferred Compensation Committee Membership—(Baumann)**

- The Board of Directors appoints by Resolution nine members to the Deferred Compensation Committee.
- Two vacancies currently exist and the Deferred Compensation Committee recommends the appointment of Troy Simonick and Michael Spaich.
- **Board Action:**  
*General consensus to place the Resolution on the Consent Agenda at the next regular meeting.*

**2. Resolution—Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract With The California Public Employees' Retirement System—Error Amendment--(Simcoe)**

- As a result of the December 1, 2000 reorganization, Section 20903 (Two Years Additional Service Credit) and Section 21427 (Improved Non-Industrial Disability Allowance) were inadvertently excluded by Cal PERS when the contracts were merged.
- Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution authorizing an Amendment to Correct an Error in the Contract.
- **Board Action:**  
*Schedule as an Action Item at the next regular meeting on April 16.*

**3. Resolution—Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract With the California Public Employees' Retirement System—3% @ 60-Local Miscellaneous and Removal of Contract Exclusion for Resident Firefighter—(Simcoe)**

Two proposed amendments to the PERS contract recommended by staff for adoption:

- First proposed contract amendment – Include Section 21354.3, 3% @ 60 for all Active Miscellaneous employees - provides 3% of pay at age 60 for each year of service.

The formula will increase the affected employees rate of contribution to 8%; however, the District currently pays 7% of the employee's contribution resulting in a 1% cost to the affected employees. Due to this increase to the employees' cost, a ballot election for the affected employees will be initiated when the Resolution of Intention is adopted and results certified to CalPERS.

The total change to the employer rate will be 8.172%. Inclusive in the rate is 3.694% for the normal costs of this program, and an unfunded liability rate of .631%, which is recalculated annually based on assets of the plan.

The first year costs were calculated based on the actuarial projections for normal and unfunded liability costs in addition to a salary savings resulting from a certain group of miscellaneous employees who received reduced pay raises in correlation with the safety rates which included a "buy down" for the 3% @ 50 safety formula. Based on those facts, the net costs against the normal costs are \$167,000 - first year, \$238,000 - second year, and \$252,013 - third year.

Director Vanderveen pointed out the District supports the Safety personnel with 9% of their retirement cost and currently 7% for Miscellaneous personnel. Suggested staff bring back a recommendation with the District paying the 8% and remove the issue from voting; Director Valley supported the recommendation.

Fire Chief Martinez addressed Director Duveneck's proposed options stating only certain plans are available through PERS.

In response to Director Granados, Chief Simcoe stated the 1% would cost approximately \$40,000 - \$50,000 per year. Prior to the next Board meeting, issues discussed will be clarified with PERS and options presented to the Board.

Captain Monahan, Local 522 representative, stated if there is a cost to the employee for this benefit, he felt it would be subject to the meet and confer process.

- Second proposed contract amendment – eliminate Section 4.b of the CalPERS contract which excludes Resident Fire Fighters of the former Citrus Heights Fire District.

This exclusion was in the former Sacramento County Fire Protection District contract precluding former resident firefighters from buying back their service time.

There are no employer costs associated with eliminating the contract exclusion for Resident Fire Fighters.

- **Board Action:**  
*Schedule as a presentation/Action Item at the next regular meeting on April 16.*

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT—(Goold)**

- Thanked Chuck Horel for his previous presentation relative to the facilities construction plan, including all staff for their effort in moving it forward.

Director Stewart requested a Project Manager's Report as a standing item on the agenda. Fire Chief Martinez stated he could provide a monthly progress report under the Fire Chief's Report or a presentation.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT—(Martinez)**

- The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors adopted the District Weed Abatement Program on a three-year contract. Commended Fire Marshal Dobson, Deputy Fire Marshal Stewart, and the Fire Prevention staff for their efforts.
- The adoption of the Fire Code is scheduled next week by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. Split vote on two issues still under consideration: private streets to maintain the same requirements as public streets; and sprinkler systems in buildings down to 5,000 square feet.
- March 21, 2003, Administration Board Chambers – Conducted a Graduation Ceremony for the Regional Fire Inspector Academy Recruit Class.
- Visited the Haz Mat class in Roseville – 30 people involved are doing very well.
- Discussions continuing with the County Department of Airports on a contract for the activation of an Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighters (ARFF) company at Mather Field. Acknowledged Deputy Chief Plessas for his work along with the assist of Chiefs Latta and Turner.
- Apartment fire two days ago--Engineer Pat Cook injured with a cracked rib but doing well.
- Board to be kept informed of opportunities such as the RIC training.
- Fire Chief Mark Meaker of the Elk Grove CSD is retiring May 1. His successor is Deputy Chief Keith Grueneberg. District congratulations were extended on his retirement and new job as Fire Chief in Logan, Utah.
- Firefighter entry test conducted this morning with around 1,000 candidates. CPAT tests to follow for successful candidates.
- Recruit Academy is in its ninth week with 23 participants.

**GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT—(Price)   None**

**COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS:****Executive Committee—(Goold)**

- TBD

**Communications Center Delegate—(Vanderveen)**

- Next meeting: April 29, 2003 – 10:30 a.m.

**California Fire & Rescue Training Authority—(Stewart)**

- Next Meeting—May 12, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

**Finance Committee—(Jones)**

- Next meeting: April 16, 2003 – 5:00 p.m.

**Policy Committee—(Duveneck)**

- Received presentation on today's meeting.
- Next meeting: May 7, 2003 – 5:00 p.m.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM (S):****Newspaper(s)**

1. Sacramento Bee, *Fire Chief Helps Save Day, Life* – March 20, 2003

**Correspondence**

1. City of Folsom Fire Department Thank You/SMFD-Poole
- **Board Action:**  
*Received and filed.*

**BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS****Valley:**

- Thanked the Department for the opportunity to participate in the helicopter program—different perspective on the District from air. Recommended every Board member take advantage of the opportunity.

**Trujillo:**

- Observed the Haz Mat training on Monday and Tuesday, including the debriefing, answered a lot of his questions.

**Granados:**

- Attended the memorial service for former retired Engineer Bill Wilson last Saturday. Around 50 Sacramento Metro Fire personnel were there.
- Requested status of electronic equipment.

Fire Chief Martinez stated a program will be brought back to the Board for review.

**Jones:**

- Thanked the Board for their support on the LAFCo nomination. Discussions are beginning for the broad representation of Special Districts at Sacramento LAFCo.
- Had an opportunity to see the paramedic intern class at McClellan. Glad to see this moving along.

**Stewart:**

- Requested Board approval to attend two training conferences—the Special District Finance Conference in June; and the CSDA Special District Governance Academy on four different dates throughout the year at local locations.
  - **Board Action:**  
***General consensus to approve attendance.***

**Duveneck:**

- Director Jones will do a great job on LAFCo.
- Thanked Stations 105, 106, and 107 for their hospitality.
- Absent from next Board meeting on April 16.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION @ 7:43 PM****RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 8:30 PM/CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

## Report by General Counsel Price:

**1. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6

District Negotiator: Deputy Chief Teresa Means

Employee Organization: Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522

Board received an update on the Employer-Employee Relations Resolution (EERR) process. Further information provided which may form the basis of negotiations for the next labor contracts—no action taken.

**2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – One (1) case

David Rowland vs Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

Claim #7225010233

The Board received information from its Third Party Administrator and granted settlement authority. If and when the case is settled, it will be announced in open session.



**Labor Negotiations**

Captain Monahan, Local 522 representative, thanked the Board for their support in getting labor relations and negotiations back on track.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Grant B. Goold, President

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James M. Stewart, Secretary

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Charlotte Tilson, Clerk of the Board